सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद): (क) से (ग). सुपर बाजार ने सूचित किया है कि अभी तक उनके विरुद्ध राष्ट्रीय आयोग में उपभोक्ता शिकायत के प्रतितोष के लिए कोई मामला दायर किए जाने की बात उनकी जानकारी में नहीं आई है।

Committees to monitor prices of essential commodltes

3460. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up Committees to monitor the prices of essential commodities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Committees have made any suggestions/recommendations;

(d) if so, details of these suggestions/ recommendations; and

(e) the action taken by Government to implement these suggestions/ recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALU-DDIN AHMED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) An Inter-Ministerial Coordination Committee for Monitoring the prices and availability and forecasting the shortages etc. of essential commodities was constituted in the , Ministry of Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs and Public Distribution on 18tb January, 1994 under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Civil Supplies, CA&PD). The Committee has held 15 meetings so far.

(c) to (e). The Committee reviews the prices of essential commodities, their availability and suggests measures for stabilising the prices from time to time. The Committee makes suggestions for curbing the price rise in essential commodities, measures for augmenting the supplies both through higher indigeneous production as well as through imports. The State Government have been requested to set up Price Monitoring Committees in the States/' UTs and also to take stern action against the hoarders, black marketeers and those who indulge in unfair trade practices so as to keep the retail prices under check. As various Ministries /Departments of the Central Government are members of the Committee, the decisions taken in the meetings are implemented by the Government.

Working hours of Super Bazar

3461. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the working hours of Super Bazar are from 9.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. and 10.(10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. for Branches on sale side and Administrative wing respectively;

(b) whether it is a fact that 85 per cent female staff working in the Administrative wing leave their offices daily between 5.00 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. and those working in the Branches/ Stores leave daily between 5.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m;

(c) whether the remaining 15 per cent female staff leave their offices generally at 5.00 p.m.;

(d) whether no attendance checks have been made in the evening during January-June, 1994 to check the tendency to leaving offices as in (b) and (c) above amongst the female staff members; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and action taken against the guilty officials?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALU DDIN AHMED): (a) Super Bazar